

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020

**Those who are able, please stand.*

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

Elegy

E. Grieg

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission: Lent for Locals

Rush Homes, Kate Goodman

Call to Worship

Leader: You shall worship the Lord your God alone.

All: This is our story; this is our song.

Leader: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God’s love is poured into our hearts.

All: This is our story; this is our song.

Let us worship the Lord our God together.

***Hymn #276: Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Faithfulness

***Prayer of Adoration and the Lord’s Prayer**

Hymnal, p. 16

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Kyrie: Hymn #572

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.

Psalms 103:8

**All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Responsive Hymn #341: Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine (Refrain Only)**

This is our story, this is our song. Praising our Savior all the day long. (Repeat)

***Affirmation of Faith**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and in which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Children’s Moment

Chad McCain

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

(pew Bible OT, p. 64)

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 95

(pew Bible OT, p. 550)

New Testament Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

(pew Bible NT, p. 155)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

“This is Our Story; This is Our Song: At The Well”

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn #415: Come, Labor On**

Ora Labora

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Wondrous Love

P. Christiansen

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, That caused the Lord of life To bear the heavy cross,

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, That Christ should lay aside His crown for my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

***Doxology**

Hymn #592

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE GO OUT IN GOD’S SERVICE

***Hymn #467: How Great Thou Art**

O Store Gud

***Benediction and Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ**

Postlude

Toccata

L. Boëllmann

Worship Leader: Stannard Preston

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, March 16

7:00 p.m. Scouts BSA Troop 7 (Scout Room, for boys 11-18)
7:00 p.m. Men's Community Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)

Tuesday, March 17

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting (Officers' Room)
7:00 p.m. Scouts BSA Troop 49 (Room 126, for girls 11-18)
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 7 (Scout Room, for boys and girls K-5th grade)

Wednesday, March 18

12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service (Chapel)
12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Martin-Gifford Room)

Thursday, March 19

7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Bride's Room)
6:30 p.m. Chancel Ringers Rehearsal (Bell Room)
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Sunday, March 22

9:15 a.m. Spiritual Growth Opportunities (Various Locations)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Pastor on Call: Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270 or Chad McCain (617) 304-9802

Members Helping Members for March: Jenny Osinga (434) 426-1675 and Rebecca Trexler (602) 359-6909

Lenten Prayer Services: A time of prayer and reflection. At noon each Wednesday during Lent (March 4 – April 8) in the Chapel. Sponsored by the Care and Nurture Committee.

Easter Flowers: If you would like to contribute in memory/honor of a loved one, a donation will be collected, and your gift will be noted in the bulletin on Easter. The Chancel Guild will use the monies to fund beautiful floral decorations in our church. The sign-up is on the front entry table, with envelopes for your contributions. Please make your checks out to First Presbyterian Church, with "Easter Flowers" in the memo. Contributions must be received by April 9 to appear in the bulletin.

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 4 @ 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall). A fun hunt for all preschoolers through 5th graders. We will begin with a short craft and story. From there, the kids will disperse by age groups into zones to hunt for eggs. We encourage you to bring your own basket! This event is free, but we are inviting families to bring cleaning supplies (all purpose & bathroom cleaner, hand soap, laundry & dish detergent) or paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, napkins) to donate to our ministry partner Miriam's House as an opportunity to serve and share a blessing during the Easter season!

First Pres Presents: *This is Our Story, This is Our Song*, April 4 @ 4:00 p.m. (Sanctuary). A Lenten concert featuring Dan Forrest's "*Requiem for the Living*" - Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra. All are welcome; reception to follow. Nursery available for children 4-years-old and younger.

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise: On Thursday, April 9 @ 5:30 p.m., Friday, April 10 @ 5:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 12 @ 7 a.m., there will be a series of services to remember and commemorate the events of Holy Week. Bring yourself, a neighbor, a friend, and your family. Nursery will be provided both Thursday and Friday for children 3 and under.

Easter Services: Come celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord at FPCLY on Sunday, April 12 @ 8:30 or 10:30 a.m.!!! And don't forget to bring your flowers from home to help "**Flower the Cross.**"

VBS Registration - June 8-12, 8:45-12:15, For more information, please visit fpcly.org/children. Older youth and adults interested in volunteering, please contact Kathleen Lifsey at kathleen@fpcly.org

Because of the possible changes in events or meetings scheduled, please check the church Website www.fpcly.org or call the church office (434) 384-6231 before attending.

Many events, programs, and meetings are occurring at FPC; we encourage you to view the church calendar on www.fpcly.org, the hallway bulletin board, and sign-up table just off the Foyer for all the upcoming activities.